



# News Release

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## **Alcohol abuse, unusual behavior lead to license revocation for Thurston County doctor previously on probation for substance abuse**

**OLYMPIA** — The license of physician Sarah S. Reade (MD00034256) has been revoked by the Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the Department of Health. Reade can no longer practice medicine in Washington.

The commission immediately suspended Reade's license in January. She waived her right to a hearing to contest the charges. The commission revoked her license March 5.

Reade was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol in late December 2009. Reade's subsequent behavior raised concerns about her ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to a mental condition.

Reade has been disciplined previously by the commission. The commission placed her license on probation in 2005 for alcohol misuse and making false statements to a department investigator about having controlled substances without a valid prescription.

Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the [agency home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)).

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